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which gives information on the following: (1) Description of AA guns observed at the Flak Kaserne. (2) Descriptions of loads carried by flatcars at the old Panzer-Werke. A sketch showing the load on one of the flatcars is also included.

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(14 - 26 Nov 57)

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In the assembly workshop of the Flak Kaserne (BS 5282) at MAGDEBURG an AFV with twin A.A. guns was seen. The guns were ca. 57 mm. A new track was being fitted.

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6 x half-tracks, each towing an A.A. gun, drove from the Flak Kaserne towards the KRAKAUER ANGER training area. The guns are described as follows:

- (a) Approximately 120 - 150 mm.
- (b) No muzzle brake.
- (c) A strong barrel support, mounted above the front axle.
- (d) 2-axled carriage, twin tyres, which were of solid rubber.
- (e) Each gun had a crew of eight.

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Loading practice with dummy rounds took place at the training area.

KÖNIGSBORN

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At 1015 hours 4 x 4-axled low built flats were pushed manually into the old Panzer-Werke (KÖNIGSBORN)(FC 885.805). The German engine was uncoupled before entering the workshops. Each waggon was 13 metres long. The accompanying troops wore black/red sbds.

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The waggons were canvas covered, stretched taut over the load, which is described as follows:

- (a) Length of the load - ca. 17 metres.
- (b) Height of load at one end - ca. 2 metres, and ca. 1.2 metres at the other.
- (c) The canvas was stretched taut to the flat so that no outline of the load at the bottom or middle could be seen. The top of the load was rounded and cylindrical in shape. No wheels or carriage could be seen.

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- (d) The end which was 2 metres high was flat and not pointed.
- (e) The end (1.2 metres high) was divided approximately in the middle by a gap, ca. 0.75 metres deep. This gave the impression of two rounded ends of two objects. (See attached sketch).

6. The Panzer-Werke is under Soviet control. No German workmen are employed and no German is allowed access.

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